

# GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

Life application materials for use in Life Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

1. Who is the most successful businesswoman you have ever met? What do you think set her apart as a leader?

2. Read Judges 4. Use the map at right to trace the course of events. Barak's courage failed and so the honor of victory went to Jael, the woman who killed the general Sisera.

- What are the challenges this lesson presents to our normal understanding of male/female roles?
- How does verse 9 indicate this is an unusual role reversal?
- Discuss this comment. "When men fail to accept the spiritual leadership role God has given them, women must step up to take that role."

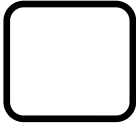


3. Read Luke 7:36-51. This woman can inspire us. She must have overcome great fears to step into that room.

- What might she have feared from the dinner host?
- What might she have feared from Jesus?
- Those fears may be similar to the fears people have today about coming to worship. How can we as Christ-followers alleviate those fears?

4. The Psalm for the Day is the Song of Hannah. Ask someone to summarize what we know about Hannah from I Samuel 1. Then read this song in I Samuel 2:1-10. What words and phrases from this song can comfort women and men like Hannah, who feel condemned by their peers?

5. Close by one person rereading Hannah's Song slowly, pausing after each stanza to allow for a moment of personal silent prayer.



# NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points.

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## Highly Favored: I Treasure You and the Impact You Make

Acts 16:11-15

### 1. I treasure you as a learner.

- a. Your courage to learn

Lydia was in the m\_\_\_\_\_ and a g\_\_\_\_\_

- b. Your humility to learn

Lydia's \_\_\_\_\_ was opened.

### 2. I treasure you as a leader.

- a. In your family

Lydia led her entire household to b\_\_\_\_\_

- b. In your church

Lydia's spiritual DNA of g\_\_\_\_\_ was passed on to the Philippian church.

- c. In your world

Luke mentions p\_\_\_\_\_ women who came to faith (Acts 17:4;12).

## My Next Steps

- **Trace Your Maternal DNA** – Who are the women who were most influential in your spiritual development? Take time to thank God for them, and if they are still alive, express your thanks to them.
- **Strengthen Your DNA** – What is the next step for you to strengthen your relationship with Jesus? Here are some ideas: Start reading the Bible daily. Join a Bible study group. Look for a Christian mentor who will challenge you to grow in your faith-life.
- **Grow Leadership DNA** – Register for the Global Leadership Summit Simulcast on our campus, Thursday and Friday, August 4-5. Go to [www.StPaulMuskego.org/gls/](http://www.StPaulMuskego.org/gls/).